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APPLICANT : RICKY D. McGEE, ET AL. **GROUP NO.:** 3752
SERIAL NO. : 10/776,136 **EXAMINER:** J. Boeckmann
FILED : February 11, 2004
TITLE : METHOD AND MEANS FOR REDUCING
STRESS IN A PIVOT IRRIGATION PIPELINE

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Dear Sir:

I, Dennis L. Thomte, attorney of record, represent that Valmont Industries, Inc. is the assignee and exclusive owner of the entire right, title and interest of, in and to patent application Serial No. 10/776,136 filed February 11, 2004, and is the exclusive owner of the entire right, title and interest of, in and to U.S. Patent No. 6,902,351 issued June 7, 2005, and that as attorney of record for assignee, I am empowered to act on behalf of assignee.

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5 Respectfully submitted,



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